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FRUIT GROWERS' UNION HOLDS AN ANNUAL MEETING

Well Known Organization Elects Full Set of Officers

SEVERAL SUBMIT REPORTS

Board Instructed to Co-operate With Directors of the Other Associations That All May Be Protected.

The annual meeting of the Fruit Growers' Union was held at Hawley & Warner's hall Monday, January 13. H. W. Showerman was elected president; B. F. Warner secretary; J. W. Free treasurer; W. T. Davis member board of auditors; F. H. Woodman and K. E. Hutchins members of board of trustees.

Mr. Warner and Mr. Rickerson were called upon to give reports. Mr. Warner was in Pittsburgh and reported that the bad condition of the market there was caused by the poor grapes from the St. Joe district and the fact that Crutchfield and Woolfolk had them practically on consignment, and the low prices at which Mr. Dunham sold his grapes to Descalzi. These two firms were able to drive every other dealer out of the grape market and cause them to lose hundreds of dollars. Mr. Descalzi agreed to buy one half of his grapes of Mr. Warner at one-half cent advance over Mr. Dunham's prices, but he was unable to sell to him as there was always from a cent to two cents difference in prices quoted.

Mr. Rickerson made substantially the same report from St. Louis. Mr. Mosier was in St. Louis at the same time in the interest of the Michigan Fruit Exchange, and reported the same conditions as Mr. Rickerson.

W. H. Stanton, the arbiter for the three associations, was present and was called upon for a report. He stated that Mr. Dunham was the only one that cut prices and instead of notifying before cutting the price he would make the cut and then notify him afterwards, in some instances the manager fleeing it out from the other end before being notified by the arbiter. The most disastrous cut was when Mr. Dunham cut the price from 12 to 10 cents and in some instances to 9½ cents, selling 28 cars, and the week following when he cut from 10 to 8 cents, and in some instances to 7½ cents, selling 103 cars. This last cut caused the loss of over \$6,000 to the Southern Michigan association alone, to say nothing of the loss to the entire fruit belt, for it practically ruined every market on which he sold at these prices, but affected all markets, for no dealer felt safe in buying.

The board of trustees were instructed to co-operate with the directors of the Southern Michigan and Michigan Fruit Exchange to perfect an agreement whereby the interests of the growers may be protected, and they should have the support of every grower and he should use his influence to force an agreement.

WILL HOLD COURT AT SOUTH HAVEN

Judge Killefer will follow the custom established by Judge Anderson and will hold court at South Haven the last Tuesday in every month at the office of L. Myrl Phelps. This practice is quite an accommodation to the people located in and around South Haven and in many cases of contests saves quite a sum of money in the mileage of witnesses, etc. His first visit to South Haven to hold court will be Tuesday, January 28.

BANK MEETING.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Paw Paw Savings Bank was held Tuesday the 14th inst. at the bank office. The following directors were elected:

John Free
W. R. Sellick
Daniel Morrison
Howard Allen
E. A. Willey
Henry Y. Tarbell
A. Lynn Free
John W. Free was re-elected president, William R. Sellick, vice president and Carl A. Wolff, cashier.

ATTEND BIG FRUIT GATHERING

M. H. Young of this place and Hubert Durkee of Lawton started for New Orleans last Sunday where they are attending the National Fruit Jobbers' association in session there this week. They are delegates from the Southern Michigan Fruit association of this section, of which Mr. Durkee is manager.

FAVOR AMENDMENTS TO GAME LAWS

South-western Michigan Rod and Gun Club Declare in Favor of Rigid Enforcement of Game Laws.

HARTFORD, MICH., Jan. 11, 1913. We, the Rod and Gun club of South-western Michigan, in convention assembled, do hereby declare ourselves in favor of a rigid enforcement of all game and fish laws that have for their object the protection and perpetuation of all game and fish in this state, as long as conditions and their surroundings make it practical to do so. To that end we pledge our means and assistance in working for and enforcing the law along these lines.

Believing the present deer law to be inconsistent as to protection of deer and very destructive of such game without material benefit to anyone, as many deer are wounded and left to die that could be secured were it later in the season and snow on the ground. We would recommend the game laws to be amended, as follows:

1st—The open season for deer to be from November 10th to December 1st inclusive.

2nd—That no hunter should be allowed to kill more than one doe or one fawn in each year, but each such hunter may kill two deer in each year, provided at least one of them is a buck and more than one year old.

3rd—That the license fee for each resident deer hunter be \$1.50, and for each such non-resident hunter \$2.50; aliens to be classed as non-resident.

4th—That no deer license should be issued before November 1st, and then only by personal application and no licenses to be sent through the mail.

5th—We favor the removal of the game and fish wardens department from politics and placing same under a non-partisan Game and Fish Commission.

6th—We favor a general hunters' license for all small game and fur-bearing animals; said license to be \$1.00 for residents and \$10.00 for non-residents and aliens.

7th—We favor a non-resident fishing license of \$2.00, the holders of same to be allowed to take one day's legal catch with them out of the state.

8th—We favor a general open season for small game, with the exception of Ruffed Grouse, from October 1st to December 15th. Ruffed Grouse and Canadian or Spruce Grouse, November 1st to December 1st.

9th—We favor higher penalties for all violations of the game and fish laws.

10th—We favor that all monies accruing from licenses be placed at the disposal of the Game and Fish Commission.

Signed by the committee,
E. A. CHASE,
A. CROSS,
H. O. REED, JR.

DECLARES DIVIDEND OF TEN PER CENT

The sixth annual meeting of the Wolverine Co-operative Nursery Co., Ltd., was held at Shoemith's hall, Monday Jan. 6.

Considering the icy condition of the roads there was a very good attendance and much interest taken in the affairs of the company both by the home people and several stockholders who were present from other fruit centers.

New trade marks were adopted for peaches, cherries and apples and it is entirely probable that this company will have Chicago, Milwaukee and Detroit connections through which to care for the smaller shippers in less than car lots in addition to its already efficient service in handling car lots of o. b. shipping point for its members.

The membership practically covers every fruit growing center in the state and such a service is of great importance and will result in much advantage to the members.

Quite a number were present who are members of other organizations and commented on the uniformly satisfactory service at all points and the general satisfaction expressed by the members. Another meeting will be called for the local growers to discuss plans for the coming year.

The report of the general manager brought out in detail the class of goods and the quantities growing on the several farms being operated about Paw Paw and gave a very accurate description of the products produced at South Haven, Danville, N. Y., Fredonia, N. Y., Dalton, Mo. and other growing points of less importance. A dividend of 10 per cent was declared making a total of 80 per cent in dividends in six years.

Notice.

Will persons knowing themselves indebted to me please call at the Model Market and settle with Manley Nunnerly, as my accounts have been placed in his hands for settlement.
H. Y. TARBELL.

The Home of the Brave

A New Home! What three words could bring more cheer to the heart than those? Bright, clean, light and warm—a place to congregate with your brothers and sisters, feast and visit and commune; place of refuge and rest. Memorial hall is now ready for the soldiers and sailors, their wives and daughters and for their long line of descendants. Teach the children that it is their home and make it what it is intended to be—a splendid memorial to the brave men who earned the title of soldiers.

Stories of Long Ago

PHOEBE ANN LONGWELL.

It is hard to understand as we look at this thickly settled, sociable, well organized and splendidly developed country with her good roads and numerous automobiles, how the early settlers with their ox teams and crude equipment could have made such progress toward civilization or have accomplished so much in so short a time. The history seems long, counting it as years, but to look back to the primitive ways and the means at hand for development it seems that centuries must have passed to accomplish so much. The new settlers that came from the eastern country as pioneers must have had something more than brawn and muscle to sustain them—their hearts must surely have been strong to warrant their taking up the task of making a home in the wilderness, as this locality was at that time.

William and Eliza Hawkins lived in Ithaca, N. Y., in 1836, where Mr. Hawkins followed the trade of cabinet making. Becoming discontented and longing for a change for himself and family he decided to come to Michigan, as many another young man had done. This was done in the same spirit and ambition that our sons and daughters are now making new homes in Texas, southern California and other places where land is being opened up for settlement. Mr. Hawkins, with his wife and three children, eventually reached Michigan, coming with horses and covered wagon wherever it was practicable and traveling by boat and railroad where necessity compelled. They settled on a farm near where Mattawan now stands and lived on this farm for a few years, then came to Paw Paw. This was when Phoebe Hawkins was about five years old. She remembers well her great fear of the Indians when they lived on the farm and how the mother with her small children, which numbered seven, would give them any thing that they demanded rather than run the risk of refusing them meat, corn and numerous other things that they often ordered her to give them.

Miss Phoebe went to Ann Arbor and attended the Female Seminary of that place, afterward returning here and finishing her school days. They moved

to Paw Paw when she was 13 years old. When she was 18 years of age she was married to James M. Longwell, a Paw Paw lad, and they commenced house-keeping. Mr. Longwell was a druggist and one of the popular young business men of the town. They lived where the home of C. R. Avery now stands. Their son Will and daughter, Mrs. Eva Kelley, were born here. Later they built the house known as the Butler house on LaGrave street and this was their home for many years. This house was the birth place of their son Fred.

In the course of events the drug store was disposed of and the Dyckman house came into their possession and they were the genial hosts for forty years. The youngest daughter, Mrs. Daisy Longwell Goodale, took up her abode with the family after they moved into this house. After renting the house a few years ago to Mr. Stevenson, the present proprietor, they moved into the home that Mrs. Longwell now occupies, her daughter, Mrs. Kelley, and grand-daughter, Florence Kelley, living with her.

In speaking of her life Mrs. Longwell said: "I have lived a long life, nearly 80 years, but it has held very little that would be of interest to anyone. I am sure." Could a life as long as this, of an active, useful woman, wife, mother, friend and neighbor, a woman who has been a soldier's wife and taken the great responsibility and care of a family during that period when the duty of the father was elsewhere and the women were left to fight their battles alone, be uninteresting or ordinary? Mrs. Longwell has lived in Paw Paw 68 years and is able to tell its history. She is one of the pioneers and appreciates the fact that it has cost a deal of hardship in years gone by to bring this country to its present perfection. In speaking of inventions she said: Every day or two I get lonesome for my children I go to the telephone and call up Klamazoo or Schoolcraft and hear their voices and, upon being assured of their health and happiness, I am content.

The people who have lived here three score years and more are the ones that our children should be taught to regard as their benefactors.

CELIA DENNISON.

Miss Celia Mather, second daughter of Joseph and Kate Mather, was born September 16, 1871, and departed this life January 7, 1913, being at the time of her death 41 years, 3 months and 21 days. She was married in 1898 to Will Dennison and to this union two daughters were born, who, with her two brothers and sisters, are left to mourn her death.

Funeral services were held at the residence of Ann Sheldon, Thursday, January 9, at 1 o'clock, Rev. Henry Harvey officiating.

WILL INSTALL OFFICERS.

There will be a regular meeting of the W. R. C. next Saturday afternoon. At 6 o'clock supper will be served, after which there will be a public installation of officers of the W. R. C. and also the G. A. R.

This will be the first time that these orders have held a meeting in their new hall, it having been completed only a short time ago.

Crow "Helped" in Golf Game.

An unusual golf story comes from Scotland. Mrs. Barnett, an American lady living at North Berwick, while playing on the course recently, had her game considerably interfered with by a persistently inquisitive crow. She had just made a tee shot when the crow secured the ball, and after flying with it for some distance, dropped it. The lady made two other shots, and the crow, to her amazement, twice returned and lifted the ball after she had played it.

Wants Commercial Value.

A man would think a lot more of the Ten Commandments if he could deposit them in the bank—New York Press.

STARS APPEAR IN LARGE NUMBERS

Decatur O. E. S. Entertains Members of the Order From Various Parts of the County.

Last Friday a goodly number of the members of Paw Paw Chapter, O. E. S., braved the sleet and snow and made their way in the dark to Decatur. On arriving the darkness had given place to a light of much brilliancy, for here had met so many Stars that all the small ones seemed to unite into one bright and shining body, Lawrence chapter being represented by thirty and Paw Paw chapter by twenty-two.

Decatur chapter gave the work in a most beautiful manner, so near correct that no one could find one word of criticism. Our worthy grand master of Michigan, Mrs. Minnie Keyes of Olivet, added much to the pleasure of the occasion by her presence. Her pleasing manner and winning ways at once won her to the hearts of all. Her remarks were of a high order and much appreciated.

After the work a dainty luncheon was served and all who defied the weather felt amply paid for the effort it might have taken them to be present. We only regret that more of our members could not have been present to enjoy the unbounded hospitality of our Decatur sisters and brothers.

LEND YOUR PRESENCE.

Prof. Edinger of Ann Arbor university will give a lecture January 23, at the Christian church on the subject, "The Medieval Church and the Drama." This lecture will be given under the auspices of the Coterie club and will be free. It is along the line of study that the club is following this year. It will be for the benefit of the adult portion of attendants who usually patronize entertainments of this kind. Everyone will be welcome.

Mr. Edinger will be entertained while here at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Sellick.

RETURNED FROM ANN ARBOR.

The many friends of E. G. Thayer were delighted last Monday afternoon to welcome him home after his month's absence in Ann Arbor, where he went for an operation and treatment at that time. Mr. Thayer looks unusually well for having undergone so much but is, of course, physically weak. He was dressed only one day before undertaking the journey home.

Mrs. Thayer has been with him the greater part of the time and accompanied him home. Martha also visited him while in the hospital.

FOUR VOTES ADDED TO HIS MAJORITY

Although a recount was ordered by the house of representatives at Lansing in the contest case of Fred Simpson vs. C. A. Weidenfeller, it only served to strengthen Weidenfeller's position as a member of the lower house. The committee who were appointed to conduct the recount, after a diligent and careful investigation, complimented the various election boards of Van Buren county on their efficiency and painstaking care in counting the ballots, and found no errors nor any evidence of fraud in any of the precincts. The only result accomplished by the recount was to strengthen Mr. Weidenfeller's majority by four votes. The committee who came down from Lansing to conduct the recount consisted of E. G. Pray of Eaton county, O. R. Leonard of Wayne county and H. L. Murphy of Berrien county.

"THE DAWN OF PLENTY."

The illustrated lecture given by Frank Stockdale at the opera house, Tuesday evening, of "The Dawn of Plenty," was one of the best ever given in Paw Paw. It was not only instructive but entertaining to a high degree and intensely interesting throughout. The pictures were fine and the lecture itself was a treat. That there was so small a crowd present is deplorable, as the entertainment was deserving of a crowded house.

'T WAS GOOD TO BE THERE.

A merry crowd of Odd Fellows and Rebekahs went to the home of William Boyce last Tuesday evening for a good time. The evening was pleasantly passed with visiting and supper was served at midnight.

Fair View Farm is a good place to go, and these fraternal gatherings are very enjoyable. The Odd Fellows are one of the most social organizations in town and make it their business to entertain each other. A good time is a part of their plan, and while they are odd they are also good fellows.

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ANNUAL MEETING OF S. W. MICH. STOCK ASS'N

Prominent Farmers and Stock Men Meet in Paw Paw

INTERESTING PROGRAM GIVEN

Southwestern Mich. Pedigreed Stock Association Holds Annual Meeting at Opera House, Saturday.

The annual meeting of the Southwestern Michigan Pedigreed Stock association met on Saturday, January 11, at the opera house in Paw Paw. At 10:30 a. m. it was called to order by R. H. Sherwood of Watervliet, president of the association.

L. Lawrence was first on the program and gave an interesting address on "Corn Improvement." He gave his own experience in selecting and planting in small plots year after year, by which process the quality and yield per acre was considerably increased. The plan required great care and he would not recommend it for the general farmer, but localities could work together in obtaining a corn that would be much more profitable to the farmers.

Edison Woodman gave his experience for four years in growing alfalfa. He made a success in producing a fine crop, as he usually does in any line of farming he undertakes. His partial failures and plans of success were so well explained that all might profit. He thinks it a profitable crop for our farmers, is a fine fodder for cows and horses; hogs do well on it and even the old speckled hen wants her share too.

In the afternoon Prof. A. C. Anderson gave a scientific address on "The Dairy Cow." He displayed charts with dairy and other breeds of cattle and pointed out the essential qualities of the dairy cow. It was a practical address and called forth words of praise in the discussion that followed.

Prof. F. C. Langdon of the Watervliet high school spoke on the subject, "Agriculture in Public Schools." In some states the teaching of agriculture is mandatory; in Michigan it is optional. He has taught principles of agriculture in connection with botany. To know the names of weeds and how to destroy them; the fertility of soil; the life of plants, fruits and their growth; breeds of stock and their points of usefulness. The aim should be not to educate the pupil away from the farm, but to know and love nature around him.

The afternoon session was well attended. Mr. Sherwood is a good chairman and kept things moving. Mr. Robertson was present with his cornet band from the high school and their music was roundly applauded. We think the farmers of the vicinity did not know of the meeting of this association and the fine program or the hall would have been filled.

REGULAR MEETING OF WELL KNOWN CLUB

The members of the Maple City club enjoyed another delightful evening at their club rooms last Thursday. The second committee, composed of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Avery, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Downing, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cross, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Thayer, Mr. and Mrs. Ford Wilber, and Glenn Warner and his mother had the program in charge, and proved themselves more than equal to the occasion.

The fore part of the evening was spent at the card tables, Miss Bessie Harrison capturing the ladies' first prize and C. C. Young the gentlemen's prize. A dainty two-course luncheon was served by the committee. The new dishes were presented by the ladies and accepted by the club and used for the first time. Dancing took up the remainder of the evening and at a late hour all departed, thinking it was good to be alive so as to be able to enjoy these little pleasures that go so far towards making life worth living. Thanks to Mrs. Frank Avery and her able helpers.

A FRAGRANT MESSAGE.

A. U. Craven received a box of beautiful flowers from Paw Paw lodge No. 25, F. & A. M., which he very much appreciates. He is improving rapidly at this time, after a ten weeks' siege with blood poison in his hand. He will undoubtedly be obliged to sacrifice a part of the hand in order to protect the arm. His neighbors and friends are looking anxiously for his recovery.